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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Guy L. STEELE, Jr. ) Group Art Unit: 2121  
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Application No.: 10/035,746 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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Filed: December 28, 2001 )  
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For: CIRCUIT FOR SELECTIVELY )  
PROVIDING MAXIMUM OR )  
MINIMUM OF A PAIR OF )  
FLOATING POINT OPERANDS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, we filed the above-identified application approximately 29 months ago, but have not yet received any official communication from the Patent Office.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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